



Aviation Drug Interdiction

Course Description:

This course will provide an overview of procedures, services, and investigative techniques used to obtain background information on suspect general aviation aircraft and airmen. Participants receive in-depth information on the identification of valid pilot and aircraft required documents. Students will understand many of the techniques drug smugglers use to escape identification, the types of authoritative actions law enforcement can apply, and procedures for asset seizure and forfeiture in accordance with federal aviation regulations. Each student will participate in practical exercise on conducting ramp checks at a local airport.

Course Length: 3 days (24 hours)

Course Objectives

- Utilize sources of aviation information and intelligence in an investigation.
- Review critical aircraft and pilot documentation.
- Utilize federal regulations and the types of authoritative actions law enforcement can apply in air investigations including revocation authority, regular and emergency actions, and warrantless searches.
- Identify aircraft drug smuggling indicators.
- Safely operate in an airport environment.
- Conduct a ramp check.
- Interact with pilots.
- Use federal and state asset seizure and forfeiture regulations.
- Avoid common pitfalls of asset forfeiture.

Overview of Topics

Introduction to General Aviation
Characteristics of Drug Smuggling Aircraft
FAA Certificates and Administrative Factors
Legal Aspects and Law
Asset Seizure and Forfeiture
Airport Interdiction
Intelligence Indices
Airport Practical
Case Reviews and Investigative Techniques